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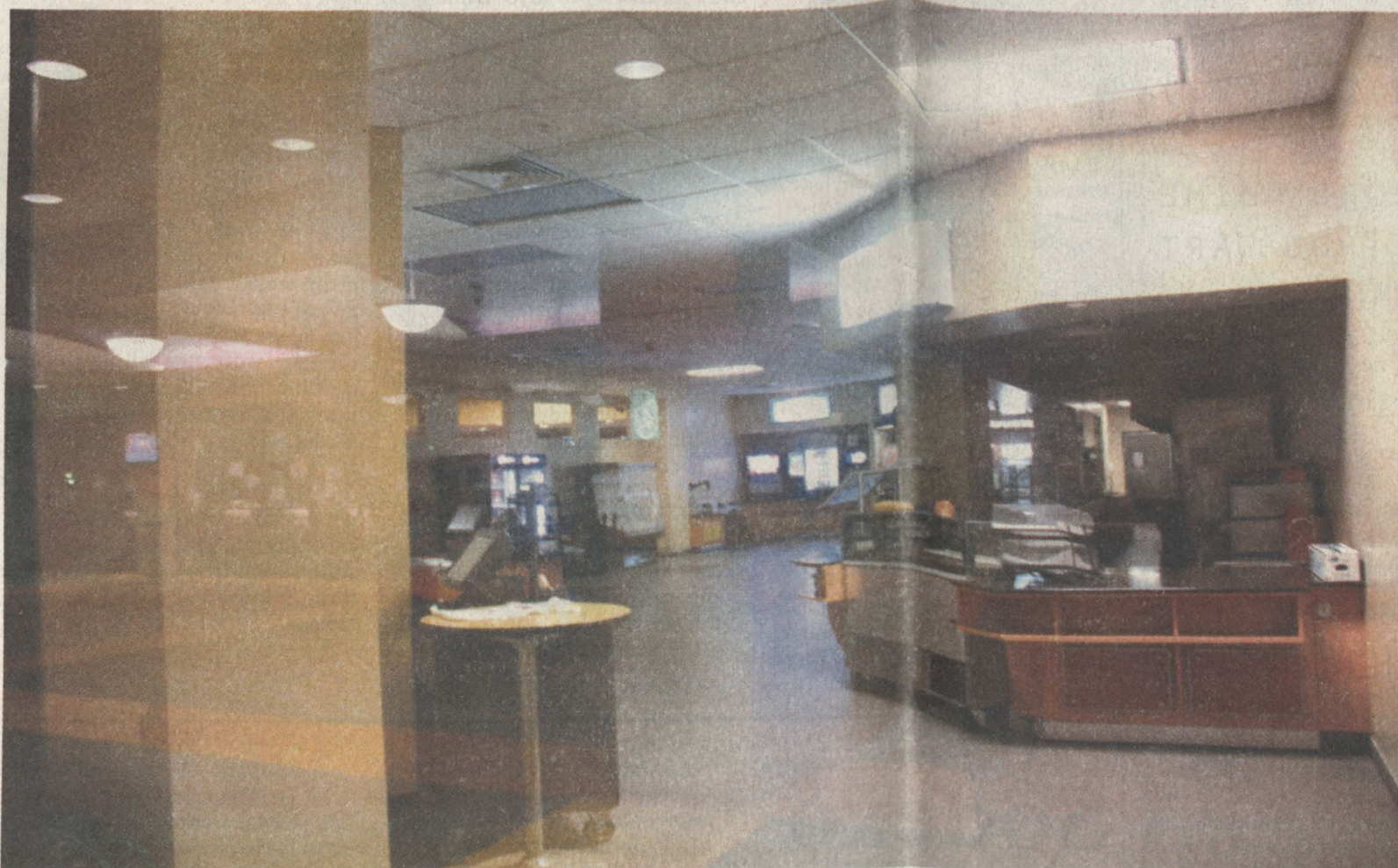
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Students unhappy with Sodexo service



Denzel Speights, The Panther

Students have expressed displeasure with Sodexo's closing times this semester.

By India Foster
Lifestyles Editor

Unfriendly workers, overcharged meals, slow service, and charging for sauce are just some of the concerns that students have with Sodexo's dining services.

Some students say they are not happy with the service Sodexo provides in the Panther Grill and the MSC dining hall. Eating in the dining hall can be unappealing due to the food served, which forces students to go to the Panther Grill. Unfortunately, at

times, neither is satisfying due to bad or slow service.

"Personally, in my experience, some of the staff are nice but others seem like they don't want to be there," said freshman biology major Kerry Shelton. "They take their frustration out on the students."

Organizational skills, time, and prices are the main concerns of the students. Waiting on food in the Panther Grill and dining hall can cause problems for patrons while trying to make it to an event, meeting, or class.

"I don't like the organization of the Panther Grill because they take their time taking orders. I will end up waiting 30 minutes for a burger. They really need to work on being more organized and being more fast paced," said Shelton.

Serving the students should be first priority for Sodexo employees, but according to students, the staff seems as though they don't care about the students due to receiving rude comments, working slowly, and negative attitudes.

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LeBeauf urges students to get involved, speak out



LeBeauf at Wednesday's SGA meeting, discussing his strategy to get the student body involved with major campus decisions.

By Raven Moody
Panther Staff

In response to questions about whether students have a voice on campus, and what progress the Student Government Association has made, on their behalf, SGA will be hosting a town hall meeting a town hall meeting Thursday, Feb. 19, called "What's up with SGA."

Some students are fully aware of the impact SGA has and the resources it provides, but other students aren't aware at all.

SGA President Sidney LeBeauf says, "I think my biggest concern is having the students speak up for what we want on campus. My purpose as president is to represent the student body's popular opinion, but it would be impossible to be an effective president if I do not hear what students would like to see. I am working on the SGA webpage to have a section where students can submit comments and concerns; that way we can start working on and updating students on those concerns."

Much of the debate on this topic comes from students who feel like they don't know how to make their voices heard, or whom to talk to about their concerns on campus.

Senior biology major David Aldaz says, "I feel like the university offers a lot of opportunities. SGA does a pretty good job of putting themselves out there and allowing students the opportunity to have a voice. I feel like the main problem is that students just don't use those opportunities to the best of their advantage. There's a lot of opportunities to have a voice on campus and I feel like it's really just up to the students and whether

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Update on Brookside shooting case

By Shalun Wells
Panther Staff

On Feb. 3, a fatal shooting occurred at the Brookside Apartments in the city of Prairie View, Texas, involving one suspect and two victims.

Police found the two victims suffering from gunshot wounds. One victim was pronounced deceased at the scene, while the other was immediately transported to a hospital in the Houston area for treatment.

Louisiana native Leroy Phillip Mitchell turned himself into law enforcement around 7 that same night. Mitchell was arrested on grounds of homicide and charged with murder.

"Charges against Mitchell are still pending and we are currently waiting on the autopsy results of one of the victims," said Chief of Police Larry Johnson.

Local news reports falsely reported the incident as having occurred on the university campus instead of the city of Prairie View.

Due to the news reports, many students voiced their opinions via social media, some stating that an incident that takes place in the city of Prairie View does not define the actions or reputation of students who attend Prairie View A&M University.

Many thought that misstating the location of the shooting shed a bad and false light on the university.

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83 companies participate at career fair

By Tracee Barlow
Panther Staff

Many students gathered in the Memorial Student Center Wednesday, Feb. 18, to finding potential employment and internship opportunities at the spring career fair.

There were a total of 83 companies who participated in the fair, which is an increase of 16 percent from last year.

Glenda Jones, director of the Office of Career Services, says, "I think it has been a great event, we have increased to more than 20 new companies from last year and have gotten good compliments on our students as being educated and talented to fit the roles these companies are looking for." Jones said, "Word has gotten around that PV is definitely the place to be because we have some of the most talented and productive students, which has led to more companies wanting to come and recruit our students."

The Office of Career Services has found different ways to help students prepare for interviews. "We have also made a career closet available to all students to provide professional clothing and attire so that students are able to participate in the career fair event without the excuse of not having the proper professional dress. Our goal is to continue to reach out to freshmen and sophomore students to prepare them so that they are ready by the time the next career fair rolls around," Jones said.

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Events and Announcements

FEB. 19 SGA TOWN HAL: WHAT'S UP WITH SGA

(6PM CRIMINAL JUSTICE AUD.)

FEB. 19 ONE ACCORD MIME MINISTRY: WOMAN THOU ART LOOSED (6PM MSC)

FEB. 23 SGA & SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT:

#BLACKLIVESMATTER

(7PM MSC STUDENT LOUNGE)

FEB. 23 PANTHER PHDS: GIRL TALK "LOVE DOESN'T HURT" (6:30PM UC PANTHER ROOM)

FEB. 23-27 COMM WEEK

FEB. 25 AFTER DARK: LECRAE AND JOHN WHITE (8PM BABY DOME)

FEB. 25 BLACKSTONE PRE-LAW SOCIETY: NEW SLAVE-CHAINED TO A BROKEN JUSTICE SYSTEM (6PM CRIMINAL JUSTICE AUD.)

FEB. 27 COMM WEEK: ED GORDON KEYNOTE ADDRESS (12PM A.I. THOMAS AUD.)

WALK IN TESTING: TSI ASSESSMENT

WALK IN TESTING IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS WHO:

- NEED ONLY ONE OR TWO SECTIONS OF THE TSI ASSESSMENT;
- ARE UNAVAILABLE DURING REGULARLY SCHEDULED TESTING;
- WANT TO TAKE THE EXAM AT THEIR OWN LEISURE

Update

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However, students as well as parents were not happy with the untimely release of the information regarding the shooting.

Junior accounting major JaQuita Harris said, "Students should have received information regarding the incident closer to the time that the shooting took place instead of five hours later, since the suspect was still at large."

Some parents described their emotions the moment they received the phone call as, "Angry yet terrified and worried for the safety

of students."

"I sent my child to college to further his education and to get away from the negativity not to worry about his safety and security," a local parent said.

Chief Johnson says that students should "take precautions in difficult situations. Stop, reflect, and allow yourself to calm down. Be more tolerant and understanding. In difficult situations do not be quick to resort to violence as the answer."

Johnson's closing remarks is to "Roll with the flow, everything in life will not go your way. Just walking away is sometimes the best answer in a heated situation. For everything is not worthy of a battle, and nothing justifies taking someone's life."

Students want African American Studies major

By Phillip Hackett
Panther Staff

Over the past few semesters, many students have asked the same question. Why isn't there a bigger influence of African-American studies in the course catalog?

Some people, such as grad student Maia Young, are surprised that there aren't more courses on African-American history at Prairie View A&M University. She said, "How are you at an HBCU without learning about African-American history? When I was an undergrad at Southern University, there was a huge emphasis on learning your history."

In addition, she explained that there were several required courses on African-American history and literature.

At Prairie View, there are courses that teach students about African-American culture and history in some aspect, but they count toward a minor, not a major in African-American studies. These

courses include Afro-American Art, Afro-American Music, Afro-American Literature, and U.S. History to 1876. While the presence of African-American history as the main focus in each of these courses, students want a bigger focus on their history and culture across the entire course catalog.

Junior Maya Robertson said, "I think there should be more courses on African-American history before slavery, because we're at an HBCU and it makes sense for us to learn about our history while we're here."

Other students, such as Freshman Isaiah Steen, believe that the history of African-Americans is too vast for us to only learn about it while we're in college. "From the time we start school, we should have a knowledge of where we come from...we should know about our history."

Adding to his comment,

Steen also proposed that there should be more African-American private schools in our communities.

He noted that the history and the culture of African-Americans is more extensive than any other history of the world, so there should be more courses on African-American history in all curriculums.

While the need for African-American studies is apparent among the student body, there are also many projects that the university is invested in to improve the campus. These projects include a new stadium for the football team, a new building for the agriculture and business departments, as well as a new fitness center.

Despite the curriculum not providing students a medium of connecting with their past, it is still possible for them to achieve this through individual and communal actions.

Sodexo

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The service is especially terrible in the Panther Grill, the managers and workers are rude, slow, and have attitudes," said junior biology major Che'Darria Lacey.

One student made a comment that a Sodexo worker told the customer to make the order themselves when asked if they could have a burger on Texas toast and grilled onions instead of regular onions.

"If you want something done one way, they actually rarely do it, they get an attitude with you," said junior education major Morgan Jackson.

Options at the MSC are slim and the Panther Grill serves as the next option, but hours are

not convenient with the closing time of 9 p.m.

In the fall semester, the Panther Grill stayed open until 11 p.m., which students favored. Also the charging of sauces was a problem for the students but according to Assistant Vice President of Auxiliary Enterprises Tressey Wilson, Chic-fil-a Express is owned through a third party vendor, which allows them to be able to charge for sauces.

When the issue was raised, Wilson was shocked at the alleged behavior of Sodexo employees. "This is unacceptable, very unacceptable, we need to know things like this and it needs to be brought to my attention," said Wilson. "We have zero tolerance, you're here for the students, you have to treat the students fairly with a smile, if you don't want to be a part then we don't need you here."

Wilson has high expectations for the workers and service given to the student body and would like all suggestions regarding the dining service on campus. Suggestions and comment cards can be found on the wall inside of the Panther Grill. She encourages students to fill out as many comment cards as they like and submit them to her by simply sliding them under the door of room 106 or 107, inside of the MSC.

"I need to address these major issues, because what we are looking at is, 'why don't we have a lot of students in the dining facilities,' and I hear this, and it's probably the reason why," Wilson said.

She plans on making changes by addressing the staff first. She highly suggests that students fill out the comment cards so she can directly address each issue to make the dining services friendlier for students.

SGA

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Senior biology major David Aldaz states, "I feel like the university offers a lot of opportunities. SGA does a pretty good job of putting themselves out there and allowing students the opportunity to have a voice. I feel like the main problem is that students just don't use those opportunities to the best of their advantage. There's a lot of opportunities to have a voice on campus and I feel like it's really just up to the students and whether they're trying to have a voice on campus."

Bianca Francois, a junior majoring in health, agreed. "If you want your voice to be heard you must go to someone who you know is going to help you.

You can't just say I don't have a voice, and allow that belief to over shadow what you want. I personally would go to SGA and talk to them. I found out about SGA by being active on campus."

LeBeauf says he wants all student to know that, "We are not politicians, we are not selfish, but we are simply advocates for the same concerns that all students have throughout the student body. All issues can't be solved but at least we can work toward providing you information on what you care about."

For more information on how to make your voice heard you can visit the SGA Office on the second floor of the MSC, Room 223 right next to the student lounge, or attend the following events:

What's up with SGA: Thursday Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. in the

Criminal Justice auditorium.

Attend the open senate meetings once a semester: Date and time TBA.

SGA Cares Week: The week after spring break.

"SGA cares. The work we do is not always seen immediately or noticed as something big and eye catching, but there is always work being done." - LeBeauf

Fair

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Tanesia Leflore, Ally Financial representative, said, "As a first time participating company in this event, I am very well impressed with how organized this event has been. It has definitely met our expectations and we are looking forward to coming again next year."

"This is our first time back in a few years and I can definitely say that I have spoken to many eager students who are desperate in finding their career path and becoming a successful professional in their field of study," said Jill Alvarez, of Oncor. "I really appreciate the space that was provided along with the food prepared for participating employers; this university has shown such

fine hospitality to us and we are excited about coming back many more years to recruit some of the best students from this great university. This by far has been one of the best career fairs I've attended," Alvarez added.

Chemical Engineering major Rokia Traore, said, "I wish there were more companies for engineering students. I attended the career fair at Texas A&M University and there were a lot more companies represented. I feel like we should have the same advantage being that we are part of the A&M system."

Traore appreciated the alumni for coming and representing with some of the companies giving us tips and pointers on what to do to."

"It is very competitive and you must bring your 'A' game in order to be chosen among so many other qualified students," said senior Oluwaniferi Akeredolu. "Overall I think it was well organized. I

prepared myself by researching the companies and seeing how I would fit into that particular company and what skills I could bring to the table to enhance its growth."

Mechanical engineering major Tunde Tifase spoke about his experience as a transfer student, "...this was a very helpful opportunity for me, because at my previous school we didn't have this opportunity. It gave me the experience of what to expect when going to a career fair or simply the process of looking for future jobs and interns."

Many companies know that Prairie View produces productive people according to how well the students presented themselves throughout the entire career fair event. They are excited about returning next year to recruit more students to help enhance the manpower development and advancement of their companies.

Students unite to challenge the perception of the PV man



Left to right: Draylon Leassear, Ryan Cole, Sidney LeBeauf, DeMarcus Pierre, James Salone, Jordan Ball, Tristan Crayton

Photo by Nina Wright

How the PV Man should look, act, and dress is a question that constantly remains on senior mass communication major James Salone's busy thoughts at night. He knew he was not the only one who wondered that. He thought that it was time that somebody defined it.

The Morehouse College student handbook states that the spirit of brotherhood inspires, nurtures, and sustains successful Morehouse Men.

So, what inspires, nurtures and sustains the PV man? "It's funny because it all started with us taking a picture in suits, and within a week it went viral. What shocked us was that a lot of people were unaware that men at Prairie View could dress like that," said Salone, a senior mass communication major.

The PV Man is a movement started by Salone and fellow students DeMarcus Pierre, Sidney LaBeauf, Tristan Crayton, Jordan

Ball, Jamaal Rutherford, Marcus Washington.

They started discussing the movement during a trip to the Labor Day Classic game.

Salone says the idea came from Denise Simmons, head of the Office of Student Conduct, who wanted the students to invoke their own ideas of the Prairie View Man.

"While we were on the trip we started talking about what we could do to impact the university, because basically when you turn on the TV or open a paper, you see young men of our color and age group getting shot. We were looking at how big of a role social media played a part in that too," says Salone. "We wanted to change the social stigma of the university." What at first seemed like just a conversation quickly became an agenda they were adamant to push.

Salone says that after they came across the student handbook's moral code they had an idea to help motivate the men on campus into showing their social

responsibility and awareness to what's going on in society.

"We're not trying to be an organization. We're just trying to bring awareness to campus. It's a social movement," Salone explained.

Salone says after he talked to Morehouse alumnus Charles Lewter, dean of the All Faiths Chapel, he got more clarity on what makes someone a man of their university's bearing.

"When we talked to Dean Lewter we asked him 'Why when you graduated from Morehouse you considered yourself a Morehouse Man.' It turns out that Morehouse's has a time at the start of the fall semester where all its incoming freshmen dress up for a whole week and they have this mind set that they need to be men, and they are surrounded by male mentors. Why don't we have that on our campus," says Salone.

Pierre believes student unity will nurture a successful PV man.

"We want to show that being a part of this movement does not mean you want to be a part of any of the other many organizations on campus. It's just to get the student body back together. We're trying to get it back to when students influenced the campus," Pierre said. "Now everyone is influenced by competing on social media."

Similar to Morehouse dressing up also seems to play a huge part in the recipe.

"We want to get young men to realize they should always have on decent attire because you may not know who you may meet or what opportunities you may come across," said Rutherford. "You don't have to be dressed in a three piece suit to be the PV Man but a lot of opportunities are missed because someone decided to wear basketball shorts."

"This movement is not just to get buzz, it's to uplift the whole campus," says Pierre. "People should stop being so close

minded, just because you dress up doesn't mean you want to be a Greek."

Salone says that the movement will continue to inspire male freshmen and uplift the university as a whole, but without a large amount of positive leadership the negative publicity will remain.

"The circle of leadership on campus is really small, basically it's everyone that stays on the second floor. If you take that leadership and compare that to the amount of party promoters and people who don't go to PV but are always in the MSC they outnumber us," says Salone.

He adds that the movement will not only focus on the men of the university but will also be a platform to help nurture, inspire, and sustain, the university's mission.

"I guess to us the idea is changing lives," says Salone.

Paul Quinn announces work college, free textbook plans

By Jarrett Carter
HBCU Digest

Paul Quinn College yesterday announced plans to become the nation's first historically black work college, a move that will potentially save its students more than \$12,000 in tuition costs annually, and will reduce potential student loan debt

to about \$2,300 per academic year.

In front of more than 300 students and faculty members, Paul Quinn President Michael Sorrell introduced the new program, which will require students to work on campus in a variety of jobs for their first two years, and will pair students with corporate and private companies for tuition credit for their final two years.

"You're going to have work experiences that directly translate to you getting full-time employment when you graduate," Sorrell told the audience.

The college also debuted plans to allow the use of open source textbooks for all students, which school officials say will reduce out-of-pocket expenses even further for a campus where

84 percent of the student body qualifies for federal Pell Grant funding.

Dallas Mavericks Owner Mark Cuban is working with the school to develop the program, along with a new on-campus course in entrepreneurship. In a release, Cuban called the initiative a model for rethinking higher education costs.

"I'm excited to be working with PQC and President Sorrell to help remake the economics of the university experience. Our partnership will also include creating a unique approach to teaching entrepreneurship, with any and all materials available under an open source license for other institutions to use."

10 THINGS TO KNOW FOR THURSDAY

Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about Thursday:

1. HOW OBAMA VIEWS TERROR FIGHT
He says the U.S. is not at war with Islam but with people who have perverted the religion.

2. UKRAINE REBELS CAPTURE STRATEGIC RAIL JUNCTION
The town of Debaltsevo provides the rebels transportation connections that boost their regions' capacity to function as a unified entity.

3. US WITHHOLDING DETAILS OF IRAN NUKE TALKS FROM ISRAEL
The admission by the Obama administration reflects increasingly strained ties between Washington and Jerusalem.

4. WHO'S PLEADING FOR

WEAPONS

Libya asks the U.N. Security Council to lift an arms embargo so it can fight the Islamic State group as it moves closer to Europe.

5. POPE FRANCIS MARKS BEGINNING OF LENT
"We are limited creatures, sinners always in need of penitence and conversion," the pontiff says as Catholics and other Christians prepare spiritually for Easter.

6. WHY SOME SAY THEY'LL BOYCOTT ACADEMY AWARDS
A year after a richly diverse Oscar crop, all 20 acting nominees in Sunday's show are white.

7. BOSTONIANS FROLIC IN EPIC SNOW
But the mayor warns against some of the shenanigans - such as jumping out windows into snow piled higher than 10 feet in some spots.

8. NBC'S 'NIGHTLY NEWS'

KEEPS RATINGS LEAD

With Lester Holt filling in for the suspended Brian Williams, the show averaged 9.43 million viewers last week, again besting ABC and CBS.

9. DR. SEUSS IS IN THE NEWS
A recently discovered manuscript by the late author with illustrations called "What Pet Should I Get" will be published this summer.

10. HOSTILE SOCCER FANS CAUGHT ON VIDEO
Authorities are investigating after Chelsea fans singing a racist song prevented a black man from boarding a subway in Paris

Organizations taking part in MIP

Below, you will find the organizations participating in the Spring 2015 Membership Intake Process.

CSO

**Kappa Kappa Psi
Sigma Alpha Iota
Sigma Lambda Gamma
Sigma Lambda Beta
Kappa Delta Chi
Phi Mu Alpha
Epsilon Gamma Iota
Gamma Sigma Sigma
Omega Delta Phi**

NPHC

**Sigma Gamma Rho
Zeta Phi Beta
Alpha Phi Alpha
Iota Phi Theta**

While you were gone....

IF YOU'RE
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THIS ITS
TOO LATE

If you're reading this...

then you know Drake did a 'Beyonce' and released his mixtape on a Thursday night and broke the Internet. Everyone scrambled to get it for free on Drake's soundcloud but within hours he deleted it and released it back onto iTunes as an album for \$12.99. Dissing Tyga, collaborating with PARTYNEXTDOOR, and releasing his fourth album, it was a lot going on with Drake. It was rumored that he released this album to settle his contract with Cash Money.

Are Kylie Jenner and Tyga a thing?

Kylie and Tyga have been seen out together in public that has given the public the idea that they are dating. All of the intimate Instagram pictures and outings have given the public raised eyes. Jenner even posted a picture with Tyga's son King Cairo which stirred conflict all over the Internet. Tyga later went on an interview with The Breakfast Club saying that he is not dating Kylie Jenner and he has been friends with her and the rest of the Kardashian family.



Muva Rose vs The Kardashian

On Amber Rose's interview on The Breakfast Club, the topic came up of Kylie Jenner and Tyga because of Rose's relationship with Blac Chyna, Tyga's ex-fiance. Rose felt that Tyga was ridiculous for being with a child because she's too young for him. That started a twitter beef when Khloe called out Amber stating that Kylie has her life together at 17 and dissed Amber for being a stripper. The two went at it heavy for hours on Twitter.

Dentist charged in death of patient getting 20 teeth pulled

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) -- A dentist has been charged in the death of a patient who became unresponsive while having 20 teeth pulled and several implants installed.

Rashmi Patel turned himself in Tuesday at the Enfield Police Department and was charged with a misdemeanor count of criminally negligent homicide and a felony count of tampering with evidence, police said. Patel has offices in Enfield and Torrington.

The charges came a year after Patel's patient Judith Gan died at a hospital on Feb. 17, 2014. State dental regulators concluded that Patel failed to adequately respond when Gan's oxygen levels dropped dangerously low as she was consciously sedated in the middle of the tooth extraction and implant procedures in his Enfield office that day.

Patel, who posted \$25,000 bail, has denied any wrongdoing in his treatment of Gan.

"Dr. Patel disputes the charges and urges that the charges be dropped," his attorney Paul Knag said in a statement Wednesday.

Gan's death and other incidents prompted the State Dental Commission in December to suspend Patel's license pending a months-long review of his practice and permanently ban him from performing conscious sedation.

But, Krag said, the commission did not revoke Patel's license.

"In the Dental Commission proceeding, multiple expert witnesses testified that Dr. Patel followed the standard of care," Krag said. "The state's seeking of criminal charges is contrary to this evidence and

inconsistent with the decision of the Commission not to revoke his license."

The commission said in a report that Patel "ignored" signs that Gan, of Ellington, was in distress, including the drop in her oxygen saturation, changes in the color of her face and hands and wheezing and gurgling sounds. The commission said Patel, who lives in Suffield, also ignored warnings from his dental assistants that Gan was in danger and continued with the procedures.

When one of Patel's assistants yelled that Gan was "flat lining," Patel tried to revive Gan while the assistant called 911, according to the Dental Commission's report. Gan, 64, was rushed to a hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

The commission also found that Patel should not have attempted to perform so many procedures on Gan in one office visit given that her medical history included a heart attack six months before the visit, two strokes within the last two years and medication that could have affected her response to the sedation.

Patel also violated care standards in December 2013 when another patient under conscious sedation to have teeth extracted inhaled a piece of gauze called a throat pack, which was designed to protect him from swallowing foreign objects, the commission found. The patient began flailing, his blood pressure spiked and he was rushed to a hospital but recovered.

A lawyer for Gan's husband has said a lawsuit against Patel is planned.

Review: The Haves and the Havenots



By Jeremy Sample
Panther Staff

I have to start this by saying that I am all for supporting black programs, but I must be honest, Tyler Perry's The Have and The Have Nots has to be one of my least favorite shows at the moment. In the beginning, I loved this show.

It was very soapy, and the best thing about it was Candace Young played by Tika Sumpter. Candace is everyone's favorite conniving, manipulative social-climber. Fans love to see Candace on top, and she has always been a favorite; but even she cannot save, what I feel is a sinking ship.

My biggest problem with this show is that some things just don't make sense. For instance, Amanda. Thank God they finally killed her of because she was really dragging it down. Amanda went from being the sweet, naive governor's daughter to a psychotic lunatic who stalks and stabs people

in the park in broad daylight.

It seemed that there was no real purpose for her character other than her being crazy. Basically, Amanda's character wasn't going anywhere. The same can be said for Wyatt. What is going on with Wyatt? Is his character only good for ranting and raving about the failures in his parent's marriage? Is he only good for sitting around the house like a bum, drinking all day?

If so, he should be killed off as well. One would think that after killing a child and getting away with it he would be inspired to do something with his life. Tyler Perry should write Wyatt a good redemption story line; or at least play at the relationship between he and Jeffery.

Speaking of Jeffery, when will he and his father be bold and stand up to Veronica? It just doesn't make sense for these men to allow her to have this much power over them. I think David just needs to go over to his son's apartment, lock the door, close the windows, and have a

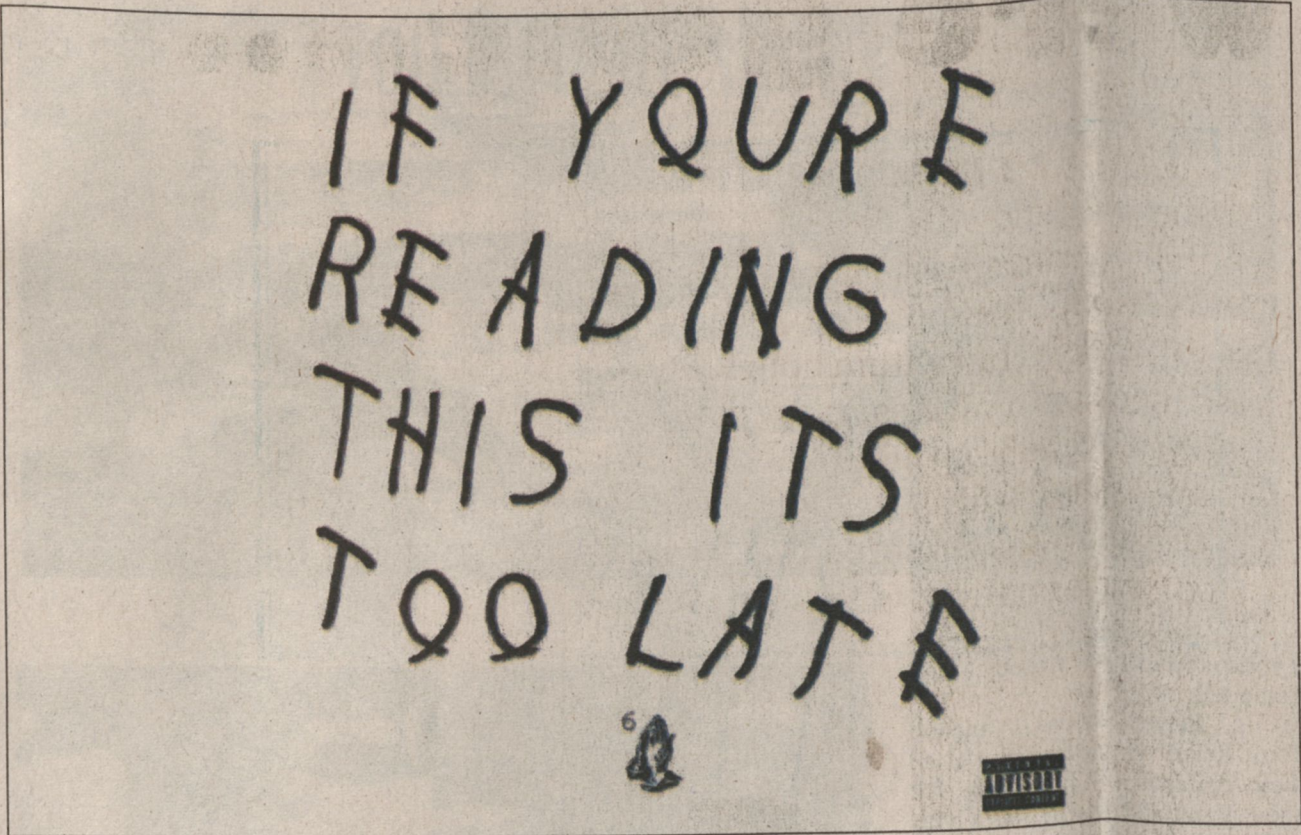
man-to-man talk with him.

Then, he needs to get the car from Veronica and just read her the riot act for blackmailing her son for a crime he did not even commit. These are just some of the many things that bring the show down.

Even though I'm saying the show has problems, that does not mean that it is not still somewhat entertaining. Veronica telling Melissa: "Melissa, go with Jeffery;" as Jeffery and Wyatt went in the kitchen sent me to the floor laughing. Celina putting Veronica in her place when Veronica asked her to get Katherine "a glass of water."

This scene had me wanting to die. I can't forget Wyatt making kissy faces at Jeffery that was hilarious. All these things remind me that this show still has the potential to be great, but if Tyler Perry does not get a clue, fans will eventually lose interest, and the show will just sink to the bottom of television spectrum.

If you're reading this it's a Drake review



By Robert Taylor V
Panther Contributor

In an instant without warning, consent, and very little to no promotion at all, Aubrey Drake Graham temporarily dropped his "If Your're Reading This It's Too Late," mixtape for free through soundcloud.

He then put it on iTunes in a couple of hours through Twitter, disturbing the peace, putting all media and the Internet into a social uproar.

In, "TYRITL," some could consider the tape a steady ballad leading into the entertainer's prime of success with almost a decade under his belt and another decade to go as said in, "6pm in New York." "Best I Ever Had seems like a decade ago decadent flow and I still got a decade to go."

Drake's mixtape comes packed with fame boasting, good

nights, and emotional release about his day to day grind. With familiar features with his fans, the mixtape presents itself as a helping hand toward his junior album effort, "Views from the 6."

"Legend," one of the key tracks, starts the tape off with a clean slate. With production work by protege PARTYNEXTDOOR, the track lays groundwork with Aubrey's self realization of being known as a living icon, and ready to die with a name worth remembering, which inherently connects to the next track "Energy."

With the assistance of a dark melodic tune in this track, Drake makes it clear that no matter how big his name may be, there is always going to be people that wish your downfall.

Skipping on to a track called, "Madonna," an incredibly Noah 40 produced track, the artist gets his classic "Drake" on with talk about a love interest with use of

Houston slang, "Laced up, dripped up, sauced up."

On Star67, Drake brings up his take on multiple topics like fame, women, lies, and record labels, bringing listeners into a familiar nostalgic part II of the track. The two tracks make a great halfway point for the tape, pulling his audience in for more, feeding the more than common, Drake Addiction.

"You and the 6," Aubrey paints an emotional conversation between him and his mother about their past relationship, hardship of being from a broken home, and also Drake holding up his guard in the music industry.

This is one of the better tracks toward the end, helping bring the tape to a strong close with, "6pm in New York," a detailed bar for bar track reminding everyone its "6 Season."

Students discuss their "Situationships"

By Michael Hicks
Panther Contributor

"What are the qualities of a good and healthy relationship?" This was the opening question of the "Can We Talk" seminar asked by Candace Johnson, a panelist.

Along with Johnson were employees from the Office of Student Conduct. This seminar covered relevant topics that involve relationships.

In a room where females were the majority, they answered quickly and confidently. This left the guys with misconstrued thoughts, seeing that they had totally different opinions and outlooks on many different topics. This seminar almost turned into a debate, Females vs. Males.

The panelists asked questions regarding establishing friendships before relationships, and even having sex as friends before relationships. When some questions were asked, it seemed as if the students were in denial about having sex before entering a committed relationship. The panelists thought that being on a college campus was an excuse for students to not have a friendship before a relationship. They believe most students are not building friendships and being friends for a long period of time, but instead, are going into a secular relationship.

The students called this "Situationships." The students explained it as a relation you have with one male or female. Situationships usually consist of unknown emotions and lack of communication. Some students often agree that it has a possibility of transitioning into a relationship.

Donnie Howard, one of the many panelists, brought up another question which shifted the atmosphere almost completely to the point where everyone had an

opinion. "How important is sex in a relationship?"

A male student shared his opinion and almost the whole female audience disagreed with him. He replied that he didn't care too much for sex and that he was a guy who builds off communication. Although some females did not agree, others did, and some guys simply want to go into a relationship while getting to know their person of interest.

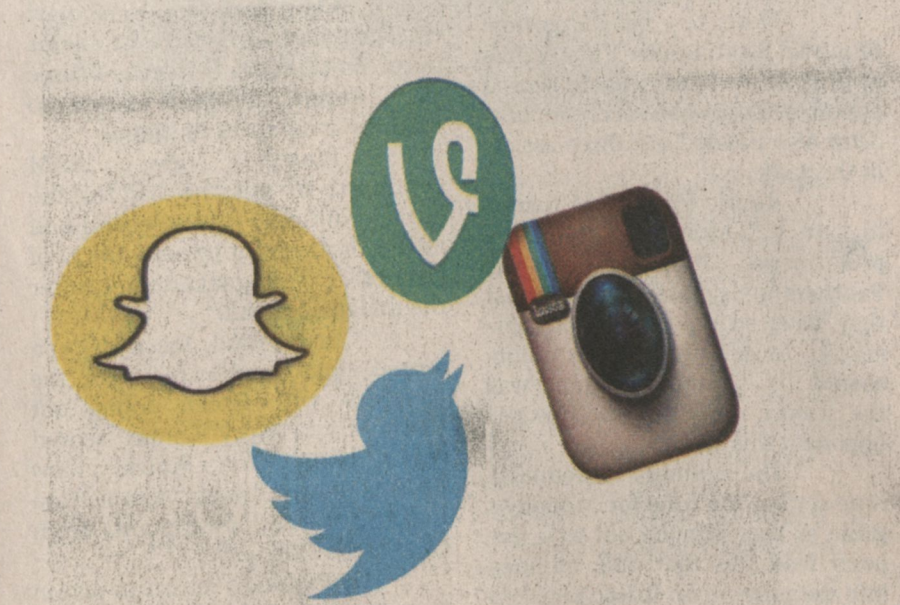
Maya Ellis, a student worker, gave her point of view saying, "As women, if we think that all men want is sex, then what is that we're portraying? I think it's all in the way that you present yourself. If I'm constantly getting these men who want to just have sex with me, then obviously I'm doing something that attracts those types of men."

As the seminar went on more powerful questions were asked and more debating went on. At the end of the meeting some of the students were asked if they were going to leave knowing something they didn't know before. A female student answered the question with confidence saying that, "Love cannot be defined, nor is there a right or wrong way of doing it." This is a lesson she learned and will take home. A male student was also asked how he felt about what was said at then seminar.

He answered by saying, "I felt everybody has a little truth behind what they said, everybody has their own opinion, how they feel, what they experience, what they see, and what they didn't see." He also noted that he was going to leave feeling the same way he felt when he first walked in.

Howard, said, "No matter what relationship issues you have, always try to be as honest and open with yourself before you are honest and open with anybody else because sometimes the person who has the problem is the person that you see in the mirror."

Social media outlets can hurt image



By Reggie Young II
Panther Contributor

Posting, retweeting, and snapchatting are all fun and entertaining until someone has to face the consequences of what was posted for the world to see.

We live in a generation that is dominated by social media. In 2015 every second of the day is about posting a story from your day, your thoughts, and pictures on many different social media outlets like Snapchat, Twitter, and Instagram. We have even arrived to a point where people can use these outlets to make money, yet these same tools, if used incorrectly, could be damaging.

A major problem that exists among social media has to do with revealing too much information. We have all met someone on social media that has no censor to the things they post.

Some of you have probably come across that one girl that is willing to post her phone number on her Instagram, or that one angry guy on twitter threatening to fight

someone at a particular address.

We must be aware that not everyone on social media uses them for the appropriate reasons and disclose personal information. Hackers would consider social media to be heaven, in the sense that unsuspecting people generally post personal information.

It is important to know that these outlets are a direct representation of who a person is. If a manager were to pull up a social media account to observe, they would be upset to find an Instagram video of their employee smoking, drinking, or doing something that does not represent the company.

It can even be discomfoting to parents if they were to find out some of these things that are on their children's social sites.

Social media have evolved into becoming something that can be useful in many different ways. Our generation has to eliminate the negative uses of these outlets and continue to steer social media in positive ways.

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PV athletes relate to Kevin Durant’s comment about the media

Panther Contributor
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Athletes are expected to maintain a sense of decorum when it comes to the media. Organizations expect athletes to be nearly robotic when it comes to saying the right things and being politically correct in front of the cameras, in some instances disregarding their opinions. Although this is true, there are a handful of athletes who have no problem expressing their opinions about a particular subject.

“You guys really don’t know s---,” Durant told reporters after being asked a question about Coach Scott Brooks’ job security. This surprised many who would consider Kevin Durant to be polite, yet he feels that his experience in the league has allowed him to grow and mature to truly find himself.

“My first few years in the league, I was just finding myself,” Durant said. “I think most of the time, I reacted based off of what everybody else wanted and how they viewed me as a person. I am just learning to be myself, not worrying about what everybody else says. I am going to make mistakes.”

This story shined a light on a question many could debate. When it comes to a player and his role in an organization is it OK for him to express his opinion or should his answer always be the generic thing

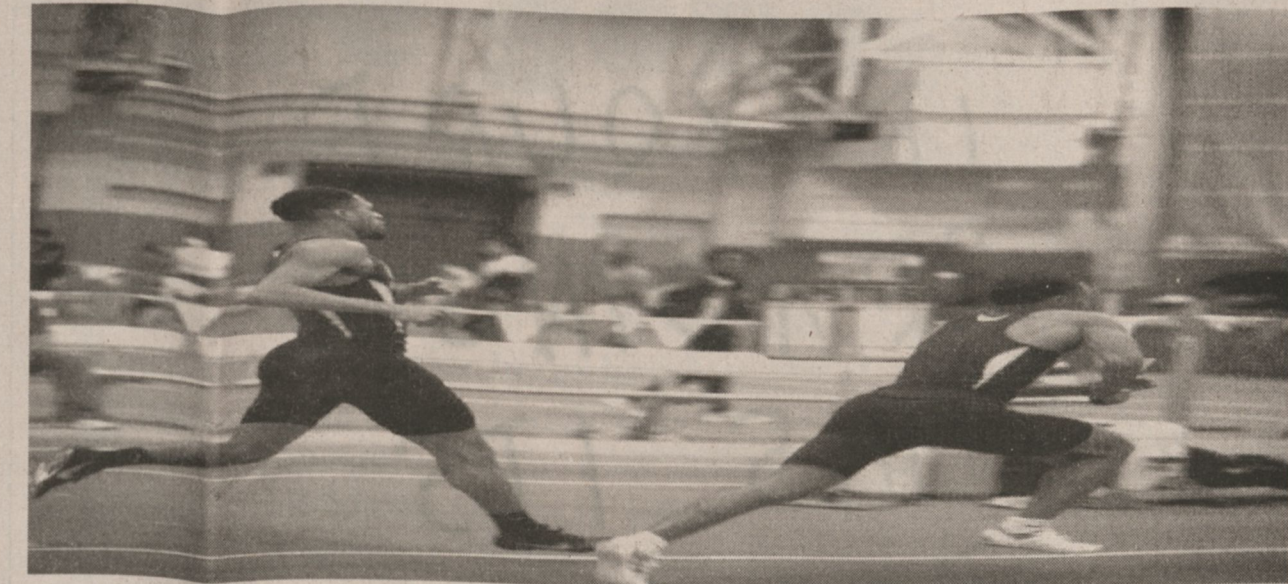
to say and be politically correct?

A few Prairie View A&M athletes chose to enlighten us from their perspective.

“Being an athlete is such a tough task when it pertains to the aspects of media. It’s almost as if the last name of the player is changed to that of the organization in the way that they directly represent them in almost every aspect. I feel though, for the athlete of today it is imperative to remain yourself in this business and stick to your beliefs and express your opinions. I fully support the way Durant defended his head coach,” Panthers track captain Jordan Powell says.

Track athlete Keon Campbell also chipped in. “When it comes to media and the right things to say from my perspective, it depends upon the situation. In situations defending your organization, teammates, or coaches I think it is important for athletes to share their true opinion. Take the Josh Brent story for an example,” Campbell says.

For those who aren’t familiar, Josh Brent made his return to the NFL this season, two years after he wrecked his car in a Dallas suburb, killing his friend and Cowboys teammate, Jerry Brown. Brent was convicted of intoxication manslaughter and sentenced to six months in jail and 10 years probation. “What caught my eye was the Dallas Cowboys and the way they were able to rally to support him, as



a team, through this tragedy,” says Campbell.

Players like Dez Bryant and Tony Romo on media day voiced their opinions on how they felt about Brent and how he was a truly good person. Situations similar to these are ones in which many want to voice their opinions.

When players support their organizations, in times like this, team chemistry is built, that is what Kevin Durant may have been trying to do. Maybe more athletes of our generation will begin to express their opinions in ways that help to promote cohesiveness within their organizations.



Jordan Powell (top) & Keon Campbell (bottom) shared insight on what it’s really like when talking to the media.

Season so far for Panther basketball

I n l d m r			RT AC			Mt d c W k		
B W e d s a V k k								
S d W	P d b n c c	O b s	P d b n c c	O b s		P d b n c c	O b s	
SPT	11-1	0.917	14-9	0.609		14-9	0.609	
P n s r f c d	11-2	0.846	13-10	0.565		13-10	0.565	
A i V a V k V P	8-4	0.667	12-10	0.545		12-10	0.545	
M d V g a g U a c t	7-5	0.583	10-14	0.417		10-14	0.417	
A i b n d P r V r c	6-6	0.5	7-14	0.333		7-14	0.333	
A i V a V k V A & J	6-7	0.417	6-17	0.261		6-17	0.261	
B o V k a i d e	5-8	0.385	8-16	0.333		8-16	0.333	
G b h p m i P r V r c	5-8	0.385	8-16	0.333		8-16	0.333	
A c h V i p V p M d c	3-9	0.25	5-18	0.217		5-18	0.217	
J c p p p p g i n g U P	1-2	0.077	3-21	0.125		3-21	0.125	

Men's Basketball			SWAC			Overall		
Team	Record	Pct	Record	Pct		Record	Pct	
Alabama State	10-2	0.833	14-7	0.667		14-7	0.667	
TSU	10-2	0.833	13-12	0.52		13-12	0.52	
Southern	10-3	0.769	13-14	0.481		13-14	0.481	
Prairie View	7-5	0.583	9-16	0.36		9-16	0.36	
Alabama A&M	6-6	0.5	7-15	0.318		7-15	0.318	
Jackson State	6-7	0.462	8-18	0.308		8-18	0.308	
Arkansas-Pine	5-7	0.417	8-18	0.308		8-18	0.308	
Alcorn State	4-8	0.333	5-19	0.208		5-19	0.208	
Mississippi VS	4-9	0.308	5-21	0.192		5-21	0.192	
Grambling	0-13	0	2-21	0.087		2-21	0.087	

SWAC Tournamant starts March 10-14,2015 at the Toyota Center in Houston,TX

PV demolishes Grambling 95-44

Sports Information

GRAMBLING, La. -- Five Prairie View A&M players scored in double figures Monday as the Panthers cruised to a 95-44 win at Grambling State.

Tre Hagood scored 15 points and handed out four assists, while Reggis Onwukamuche posted a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Panthers (9-16) to their third straight win, and seventh triumph in the last nine games.

Jayrn Johnson came off the PVAMU bench to score 14 points on 6-of-11 shooting. Zach Hamilton entered the game as a reserve and scored 12 points on 5-of-8 shooting.

Not to be forgotten, Montrael Scott, Prairie View A&M’s leading scorer this season, scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds. Scott also handed out three assists in the game.

Prairie View A&M turned in an all-around dominating performance Monday, as the Panthers’ 95 points was the most they have scored in a game this season. In addition, the 44 points scored by Grambling State was the fewest scored by a PVAMU opponent this season.

The Panthers wasted little time setting the tone for Monday’s game as they jumped out to a six-point lead less than five minutes into the game. John Brisco knocked down a 3-pointer with 15:21 remaining in the first half to give the Panthers an 8-2 advantage.

Prairie View A&M continued to pour it on as the first half progressed. The Panthers went on a 15-3 run following Brisco’s trey to take a 24-9 lead with 8:59 left to play in the opening period.

The visitors took their first 20-point lead with 5:50 remaining before halftime at 31-11. The Panthers took a 43-19 lead into halftime.

The Panthers shot 49 percent (17 of 35) from the floor in the first half, while holding the Tigers to 23 percent shooting (6 of 26). The Panthers were equally efficient from the 3-point arc, making four out of their eight long-range shots in the first half.

Onwukamuche was part of Grambling’s offensive problems in the first half, as he blocked three shots during the game’s first 20 minutes and four in the game.

Prairie View A&M continued to put the ball in the basket with ease in the second half as the Panthers hit 57 percent (21 of 37) of their field-goal attempts after the midgame break.

Brisco and Jacoby Green scored eight points apiece for the Panthers, with Green doling out four assists. Avery Lomax scored seven points for Prairie View A&M, followed by six points from Karim York and four points from Charleston Dobbs.

The Panthers return to action at home Saturday when they host Mississippi Valley State. Tipoff is at 5 p.m.

Sports Photos of the Week



Photo by Sports Information
Alexis Borman bowling for the strikes.



Photo by Justin Sinegal
Building 48, UC football champions, pose for a recent team photo.



Photo by Denzel Speights
Men’s tennis team waiting to get back to action.



Photo by Denzel Speights
Tatiana Lea Ruhl serving against UT at Permian Basin.

What's your favorite show?

Editor's edition



"Juice because I love Tupac, Omar Epps, and the 90s."

India Foster
Lifestyles Editor



"Law Abiding Citizen starring Jamie Foxx because it showed how far someone would go when they love their family."

Raven Moody
News Editor

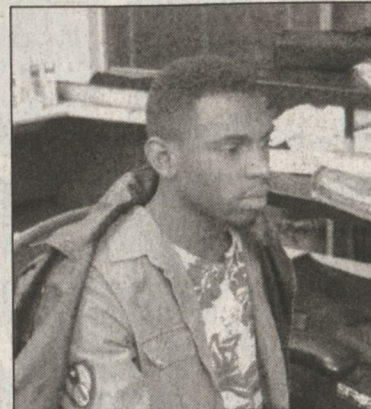


"Space Jam because of Michael Jordan and The Looney Tunes. What more can you ask for?"

Denzel Speights
Sports Editor

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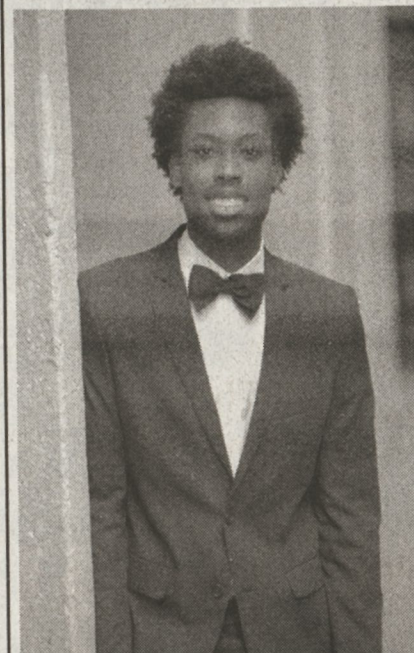


"Troy because it was a passionate and compelling war epic. It's Brad Pitt's best role in my opinion."

Joshua Bennett
Editor-in-Chief

SGA SPEAKS OUT

By: Tristan Crayton



Fellow Panthers,

Over the course of our term President LaBeauf and myself have committed ourselves to a number of tasks. Some of these tasks are to work on issues that not only effect you directly but issues that will help us as an organization best serve you. Upon my ascension to the office of Executive Vice President(EVP), I took the time to map out key issues that I felt would need to be addressed. On this list of items was the election code. This governing document is used to inform and govern the elections process used to select not only the executive and judicial members of our SGA, but also our class royals. As a senator under both administrations of my predecessor Jarrick Brown, the elections committee identified the need to make changes to the Election Code. At the time we made small changes that were extremely impactful in making the elections process smoother. It was not until I had the privilege of monitoring our elections process from an alternate point of view that I saw the real need to expand our current Election Code. With the help of key representatives within our organization we drafted a brand new Election Code. In the new code we decided to keep the structure of our current elections process with some key changes. The changes are as follows:

All elections will be moved

to the Spring semester with the exception of our freshman student leadership.

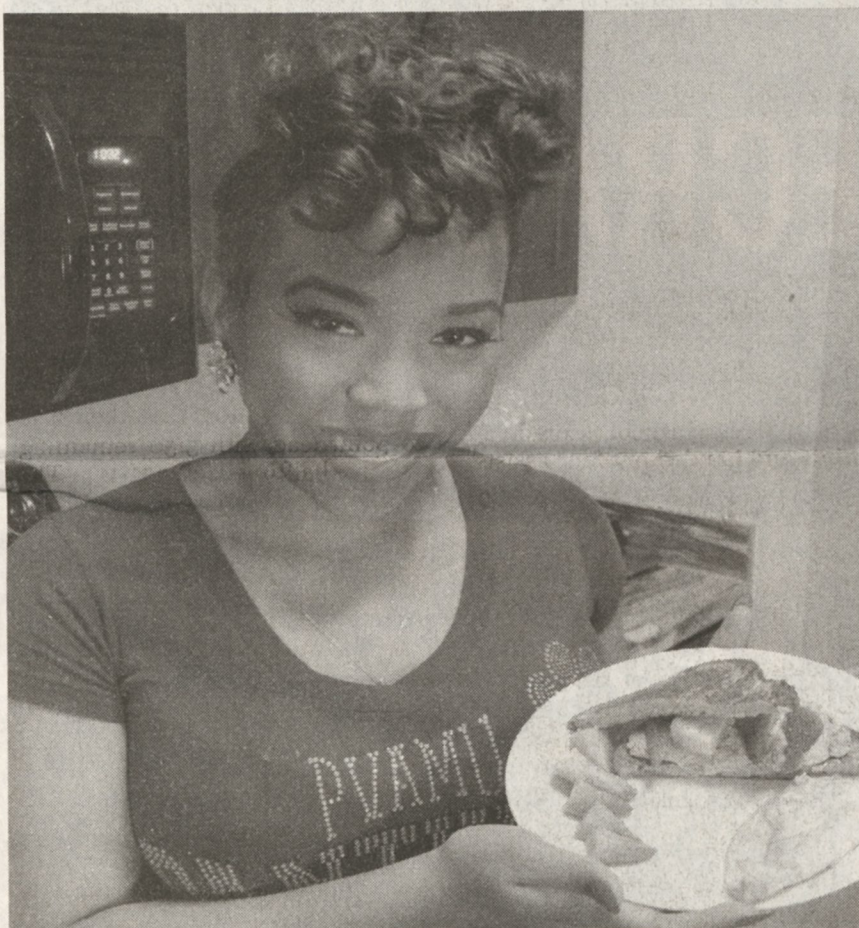
- Students will only vote for the SGA Senator(s) of their college
- Class Royals will be required to conduct 15hrs of committee service and will be assigned by SGA Leadership to attend a mandatory program/event.

What do these changes mean? These changes will mean that every student on our campus who wants to be an elected student leader will go through the elections process in the spring for the term beginning in the following fall. The idea behind this process is to elect officials early so that they can have the summer to go through formal training for the elected position if needed. This will better prepare our students so that they can be of quality representation for us all. The changes regarding the limitation on voting for legislative members was mimicked after the districting process used in our state elections. This basically means that I can only vote for the students that will be representing me directly. Example: I am a student under the College of Agriculture and Human Science so I would only vote for a student running for a position in my college. In turn this will place more responsibility and accountability onto the candidates. Lastly, in moving the Class Royal elections to the spring we also decided to change the requirements of the crown. In the past not much was required of these student leaders however, we would like to see them blossom into effective student leaders on our campus. So we decided to require community service hours along with the addition of their attendance at a mandatory university event as assigned by SGA. This event could be a recruitment luncheon, alumni gala, hosting opportunities, etc.

We as an SGA plan to enact this election code so that we can use it in our elections process this spring. If you have any questions or need further information about the new process please feel free to visit us in the SGA office on the second floor of the MSC or email us at sgapres@pvamu.edu and Sgavpres@pvamu.edu.

You public servant,
Tristan D. Crayton
Executive Vice President
Student Government Association

Good Eats: Cooking with Miss Prairie View



By: Ashlee Sherman

Hey everyone! My name is Ashlee Elouise Sherman and I am humbled to serve as your Miss Prairie View A&M University 2014-2015! My platform as Miss PVAMU is called Commit to be Fit, and it stems from my very own weight loss journey of losing 45 pounds in one year. In the process of losing weight, I discovered the 80/20 rule (and no I'm not referring to the one mentioned in Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married movie). Instead, this new 80/20 rule states that to lose weight 80 percent is controlled by your diet and the remaining 20

percent is controlled by exercise. In other words, what you eat is substantially more important than how much you exercise if you are trying to lose weight. Getting healthy can be challenging if you're not sure how to begin, but I want to help you every step of the way by providing quick, easy, delicious recipes each week to keep you motivated! So let's get started! This week's 'Good Eat' is Coco-Berry French Toast!

Here's what you'll need:
1 slice of whole wheat bread
2 eggs
1 TBSP of milk

1/2 TSP of vanilla
Pinch of cinnamon
Pinch of nutmeg
3 TBSP part-skim ricotta cheese
1/3 Cup Strawberries
Pinch of shaved coconut
1/2 TSP butter
2 TSP maple syrup
Cooking spray

Directions:

1. Mix 1 egg, milk, vanilla, cinnamon, and nutmeg together in a bowl
 2. Warm a non-stick skillet to medium heat and coat with cooking spray
 3. Dip bread in egg mixture on both sides
 4. Add bread to the skillet and cook until golden brown
 5. Spread butter on top of bread, serve with ricotta
 6. Remove the yolk from the second egg (It's super easy to use a spoon and scoop it out from the whites) and cook egg white in skillet, serve to the side
 7. Add the finishing touches to your French toast by topping it with coconut and strawberries, drizzle the maple syrup on top
- You've made your first healthy meal, great job! Be sure to check The Panther each week for a new healthy recipe.

Also, don't forget to join me as I host Lipstick and Lashes, Make-up Pajama Party on February 24, 2015 from 8-10PM in the MSC Student Lounge. We'll explore new Spring and Summer trends, transformation looks, as well as make-up dos and don'ts! There will be food, music, and MAC giveaways as well! The admission is free, just RSVP by emailing me at ash.sherman@yahoo.com

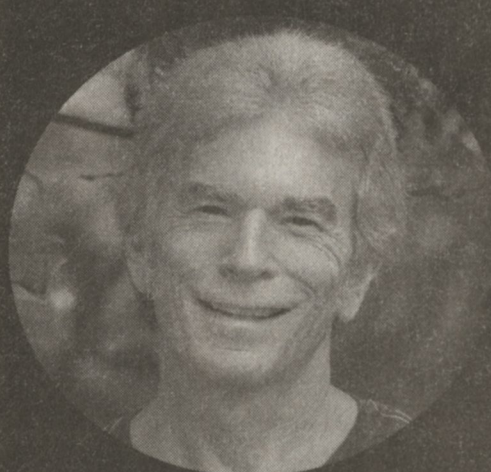
2015 QUESTIONS

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1. Who was upset about no humpday this week? 2. Did you get dressed for nothing? 3. Who was at the career fair? 4. What majors weren't at the career fair? 5. Have you heard about Black Lives Matter? 6. How many times did they change the date? 7. Wasn't Terrance J. supposed to be the speaker? 8. Is anyone disappointed about the speaker being MC Lyte now? 9. Who was that arguing in Phase 1 and 2? 10. Did anyone else see that Snapchat? 11. Did you know the defending SWAC Champs are ranked 4th currently? 12. But did you know they blew Grambling State out by 50? 13. Will they win Saturday? 14. Has anyone heard about Doll For a Day? 15. Who wants to join? 16. Will they help the Panther Dolls stay on beat while walking off the court? 17. A show of hands for all those who think they should find a better stage exit? 18. Have you seen the line-up for probate? 19. Is anyone else disappointed? 20. What do you think?

This is for **entertainment only**. The questions submitted are not the views of **The Panther**. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or e-mail us at **panther@pvamu.edu**. Questions are printed at the discretion of **The Panther**.

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